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How Two Lovers Were Reunited by a Label on a Box.

By H. M. EGBERT.

It was in the splender of the Florida sunset that Ned Murdoch told Dolores of his love.

He was resting upon his oars, half way between the mainland and Cypress Key. Under their boat the blue tides ran swiftly; the rustling palmettos filled the alr with murmurs; the scent of the blossoming orange trees was borne out to them from the inland groves. And from west to east the sky was affame with rimson.

"Dolores," said the young planter, will you stay here and marry me?" She started and looked at him intently. A warm red colored her cheeks, and the slanting, sidelong spedily forgot the matter. glance of her eyes became direct, and then her eyelids veiled it.

"Your wife!" she murmured, and her fingers clutched the rowlocks convulsively for a moment. "No!" she continued hurriedly, "You don't know who I am or anything about

"I don't care," Murdoch cried. "I know that I love you. It isn't much I offer you-it's very different here from what you have at home in

"At home in Tampa," she repeated mechanically, in her quaint Spanish

She had drifted into Big Cypress in She had come from Tampa, she explained languidly; a touch of fever, a had never been so far north before, or to so little a place. She rented a little cottage near the house.

Since then two weeks had passed, and on the morrow she was to go. She would never come back, they knew, that brilliant bird of passage who had lingered there, talking with the fishermen, petting the fat children. upon the wharves, or reclining lazily in the shade of a palmetto tree, puffing at her vanilla cigarette-a habit admired by the men but made the subject of vicious comment by the fishermen's wives. Sometimes Ned Murdoch would take her in his flatbottomed boat from key to key, to er a catch of mackerel for the evening meal at her cottage upon the shore: They had grown intimate, he and she, and she had exercised her arts upon him during those lonely sails, during their long walks on the beach, and. seeing the worship in his eyes, she had made her conquest sure. Why should he not succumb, this simple countryman, rich, according to local standards, but hopelessly ignorant of

It was thought at Big Cypress that had built up the prosperity of the town in a generation, and yet retained their Spanish speech and customs amid the ceaseless changes, the Americanization of the old Spanish city. "No," she answered Murdoch in agitation. "I must go home. It is impos-

Ned Murdoch rowed her back and left her at the cottage door. He raised his hat and went, turned at the end of the beach and looked back to see her standing there, watching him, a slight and graceful figure framed in the rustic door. Next morning she left for Tampa. He did not see her

She was gone, and Big Cypress swiftly forgot her. The summer passed; new tourists came in October; only Ned Murdoch remembered her. His loved increased with its hopelessness. Often he would timidly inquire phantly. concerning her from some Tampa visitor, veiling his inquiries discreetly; but none recognized his description.

Then the event occurred which changed his life. One evening, at the hotel, a tourist offered him a cigar from the box. He took one and then snatched the box from the man's hand and stood staring at it like a man pitifully tawdry now. hypnotized. For there on the inside of the lid was Dolores. It was imposdark hair, the beautiful eyes, the right to judge me because I am just a mouth, drooping a little wearily, half dancing girl." petulant, half sad.

handing back the box. Then he could with me. Answer me one question, no longer restrain himself. "I know her!" he cried, indicating the portrait did you love me that day when I on the lid. "She was here last sum- asked you to be my wife?" mer and-and-"

"And you want to find her again?" inquired the visitor in amusement, who would never have understood? Tampa and inquire of the makers- Do you want to know why I went to Juan Desproches y Ca? There's the Big Cypress? I hated my life, I wanted name on the lid."

"She must be his daughter, then," said Murdoch eagerly.

stranger drily. "Take another eigar." Ned had ever smoked. All night he tacle of myself night after night for paced the beach in an ecstacy of hap money, and if I had married you and piness. He would find her now-why not told you that I was the notorious Tampa before? He would find her have discovered it. I couldn't bring and bring her back to be his wife. He that dishonor upon you. So I came felt superhuman strength and re- back. Now leave me." sourcefulness. He was sure she had loved him, and he could make her love he found her cloak and folded it about him again. He would devote a life of her. service to her. He knew he would succeed.

He took the morning train for Tam-

stated his case boldly.

said the Spaniard coldly, when Mursech had finished. "I have no daughter. If I had one I might find your suggestion insulting, sir."

"But-" simmured the other. "It is not our custom, sir, to place the portraits of our daughters upon dear nexes for the Inspection of the world. However, I think you are mn. core, and, as I happen to know where you can find the Benorita Deteres, 1 vill fell you. Go to number 193 Avenida Otranta at nine o'clock this evening and you will assuredly meet ser there."

He bowed and, with a cynical amile. ared into his office, shrugging his houlders. He was a very busy man. nd whatever of sentiment there had ance been in his nature had long ago been driven out by Americanization Still, it was droll, very droll! He wished he could spare the time to go to the Avenida that evening in order to witness their meeting. Howeverhe shrugged his shoulders again and

In Bull's cabaret, No. 193 Avenida Otranta, the usual throng was assem bled at nine o'clock that evening Senor Bull, an enterprising Yankee from Philadelphia, certainly knew how to cater to the tastes of his patrons Senor Bull's wines, for example, had never seen any but European suns; they were not doctored, homegrown admixtures. And Senor Bull's singing and dancing ladies were no fifth-rate cafe chantant entertainers, but cele brities from New York and Havana. As for Senorita Dolores, he had picked her up in an obscure music hall, and it was shrewdly said that the ten days' scandal which had brought her May, when the last of the tourists had into the lime-light had been actually left Florida and the hotel was closed. engineered, if not invented, by Senor Bull himself. Certainly the senorita whose portrait adorned cigar-boxes. need for rest, for change. No, she bill posters, and other such places, justified her fame, for few could dance more divinely or set the hearts of Tampa's youths beating more wildly.

When she came forward on the \$6.00 per bushel stage that night the audience at the little tables broke into a storm of bravos. Attired as a matador, in short scarlet skirts, holding her dart with its fluttering banderole, she bowed and kissed her hands to the audience and capered forward and began her song.

It was a fine song and it went to the hearts of the Cubans who heard her. It told of wine and love and battle, so rousing their spirits that they saw in the senorita the vertiable incarnation of these things. They stood up on the floor, upon the chairs, waving their hats, shouting for an encore And, whirling in the play of colored lights, until she seemed like a sea fairy entangled in masses of filmy drapery, the senorita spun.

Then, all of a sudden, she stopped She stopped and stood perfectly still. her eyes fixed on the audience-no, on one of the audience; on a man who came forward, elbowing his way through the crowds and pushing forward toward the stage. He tossed she must be the daughter of some one aside the men who stood in his way. 22c to 35c, new. of the Tampa cigar kings—men who flung the ushers aside as though they were puppets; tables went crashing down, with their assembled glasses, and chairs sent spinning among the audience. And still he pressed forward; he gained the stage, leaping upon it over the footlights. Still the senorita stood dumb and motionless, but there was a look of horror in her eyes, and now she put up her hands as though to hide her face. That was all that the audience saw, for the curtain fell and hid them, and in front of it a heaving multitude of men raged and shouted and demanded the senorita; while some, suspecting a tragedy, began crowding toward the exit, to intercept the senorita at the stage

But Murdoch knew nothing save that he had found her again. He drew her into the wings, and, holding her hands, stood gazing at her trium

"Come!" he said.

"Come? Where?" echoed the senorita, for the first time finding her voice. But it was broken with tears and filled with shame. The banderole, fluttering from the lance which she still held, the spangled dress with its abbreviated, scarlet skirt, looked

"Why did you come here?" she sobbed indignantly. "Why couldn't you

"I haven't judged you," said Mur-"I peg your pardon," he stammered, doch quietly. "I want you to come Dolores. Do you love me-or rather

"Yes, I loved you," she said. "But how could I tell you what I was-you, Well, my boy, why don't you go to You have never met women like me. to be free. I wanted to forget myself and never remember what I was. But when I met you I saw how deep a gulf "Without doubt," answered the ay between. I knew then that I never could escape my destiny. I was just That cigar seemed the best that a Cuban dancing girl, making a spechad he never thought of going to Dolores Gracia some day you would

Murdoch laughed rather grimly as

"Come, Dolores," he said. "I haven't found you to lose you again. Perhaps you never had a chance to be anything pa and made his way to the cigar fac-else But there's happiness enough in tory. There, having obtained an in-my heart just now to fill yours too." terview with the manufacturer, be He raised her hands and pressed them

"You are under a mistake, senor." (Copyright, 1912, by W. O. Chapman.)

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